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SUBJ: BOMB THREAT AT IRAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, SHIRAZ--FOLLOW-UP

REPORT

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1. IAS LOCAL EMPLOYEE RECEIVED BOMB THREAT TELEPHONE CALL AT RESIDENCE REPEAT RESIDENCE OF HIS NEIGHBOR AT 1245 HOURS (LOCAL TIME) ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6, EMPLOYEE DOES NOT HAVE PERSONAL TELEPHONE. NEIGHBOR RECEIVED CALL AND SUMMONED EMPLOYEE. CALLER WAS MALE, SPOKE IN FARIS, AND STATED SIMPLY: "THERE IS A BOMB IN THE IAS BUILDING WHICH WILL EXPLODE IN 20 MINUTES." EMPLOYEE CALLED POLICE, MET POLICE SHORTLY THEREAFTER AT THE IAS BUILDING, WHICH WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC ON THURSDAY FOR THE IRANIAN WEEKEND. ENSUING SEARCH WAS NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR A TIN BOX WITH A LID FOUND IN THE FACULTY WOMEN'S RESTROOM. THIS ROOM IS KEY LOCKED WITHONLY FACULTY MEMBERS POSSESSING KEYS. TIN WAS REMOVEDBY POLICE TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS WHERE EVENTUAL INSPECTION REVEALED THAT IT WAS EMPTY. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT TIN HAD NOT BEEN PLACED IN RESTROOM BY UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL BUT, RATHER, HAD BEEN LEFT THERE BY FACULTY MEMBER.

2. POLICE ARE CONTINUING TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENT ALTHOUGH CONFIDENTIAL.

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NO CONCRETE LEADS ARE AVAILABLE AT PRESENT TIME. ONE ASPECT OF INVESTIGATION IS RATHER BIZARRE RECEIPT OF THREAT CALL. IAS EMPLOYEE DID NOT RECOGNIZE VOICE OF CALLER. EMPLOYEE IS OF OPINION THAT CALLER MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DISGUISE HIS NORMAL VOICE. FACTS THAT EMPLOYEE WORKED FOR IAS AND THAT HE DID NOT POSSESS PERSONAL TELEPHONE ARE RELATIVELY WELL KNOWN IN SHIRAZ.

EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN ON IAS ROLLS IN GOOD STANDING FOR OVER
15 YEARS. WILL ADVISE ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS RE THIS
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